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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REPATRIATES

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JULIA V. TAFT ,
DIRECTOR, INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FOR INDOCHINA TO OFFICE
OF UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, VIRENDA DAYAL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE.

I AM INFORMED THAT OVER FORTY-FIVE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
LOCATED IN THE U.S. CIVILIAN ECONOMY HAVE APPLIED TO YOUR
OFFICE FOR REPATRIATION TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, AND
THAT YOU HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THESE BE MOVED INTO THE
U.S. OFFICIAL SYSTEM AT CAMP PENDLETON. FOR THESE APPLI-
CANTS I UNDERSTAND THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE AT PENDLETON
IS INTERVIEWING THE APPLICANTS THERE AND ASSISTING THOSE
WHO HAD NOT FILLED OUT THE UNHCR QUESTIONNAIRE. THE
REPATRIATES ARE THEN BEING MOVED TO GUAM.

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3. FOR THOSE REPATRIATES WHOM YOU HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED
I AM PLEASED TO CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSAL AND SAY THAT
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REIM-
BURSING THE UNHCR FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO CAMP PENDLETON

OF THOSE APPLICANTS WHO ARE UNABLE THEMSELVES TO BEAR THE COSTS. YOU MAY WISH TO ENLIST THE HELP OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN THE MOVEMENT OF THOSE APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT

IN THE VICINITY OF YOUR OFFICE. THE AUTHORITIES AT CAMP PENDLETON ARE ALSO READY IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL RED CROSS OFFICERS TO ISSUE TICKETS TO THE APPLICANTS AND ARRANGE FOR THEIR RECEPTION IF EITHER YOU OR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WILL SEND THEIR NAMES TO PENDLETON. IF YOU OR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CHOOSE TO MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH THE APPLICANTS FOR REPATRIATION I WILL NEED A THREE DAY ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL AT CAMP PENDLETON SO I CAN INFORM THOSE RESPONSIBLE AT THE RECEPTION CENTER AND MAKE SURE FACILITIES FOR THEIR CARE ARE IN PLACE.

4. SINCE NO REPATRIATES HAVE DEPARTED FROM THE AMERICAN REFUGEE SYSTEM FOR VIETNAM YET, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO AN END DEPARTURES TO PENDLETON ON AUGUST 1. ANY APPLICANTS FOR REPATRIATION WHO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE AFTER AUGUST 1 SHOULD BE ADVISED TO STAY IN THEIR PRESENT RESIDENCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. I AM PREPARED TO BEGIN MOVEMENT OF POST AUGUST 1 APPLICANTS AS SOON AS I AM SATISFIED A SCHEDULE FOR REPATRIATION TO VIETNAM IS ESTABLISHED AND DEPARTURES ARE TAKING PLACE AT A STEADY AND SUSTAINABLE RATE.

5. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS PROPOSAL I RECOMMEND THAT YOU CALL MR. JAMES M. WILSON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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